

**APPENDIX 6 – UXO ASSESSMENT** 

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# DETAILED UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO) RISK ASSESSMENT

FOR THE SITE AT

## Elleray Hall & North Lane Depot, Teddington TW11 And East Car Park, Teddington TW11

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### Site location and general description

Primely Ltd has been commissioned by *JOMAS ASSOCIATES Ltd* to carry out a detailed Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Risk Assessment for the development projects at North lane depot East car park, Teddington TW11 0HG and Elleray Hall, Elleray Road, Teddington TW11 0HG. The sites are centred approximately on National Grid Reference TQ 15689 70909.

The site is bounded on all sides by private homes, with North Lane on its West and Middle Lane centred between the two plots as seen in figure 2.1.

The site is currently occupied by commercial buildings in part and associated with hardstanding tarmacked ground.

## TW11 0HG is currently in Coronavirus (Covid-19) England Tier 5 (Stay at home) Data from NHSX, correct as of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021

#### Scope of proposed works

It is understood that a series of site investigation works are planned across the site area.

#### **Risk assessment**

Primely Ltd has assessed that there is a **LOW** risk of items of unexploded German aerial delivered. Other types of munitions also constitute a **LOW** risk.

- The site is located within the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, historic county of Middlesex, which sustained a low-density bombing campaign during the Blitz.
- Official records show that 59 high explosive (HE) bombs were dropped in Teddington throughout the war.
- November 1940 saw the borough sustain its highest casualties. 74 people were killed.
- On the night of November 29,130 bombs and between 3,000 and 5,000 incendiary devices rained down on Twickenham and Teddington, destroying 150 houses and damaging more than 6,000 others.

- The National Physical Laboratory had been designated a special target by the Luftwaffe, as it was here the engineer and aeronautical designer Barnes Wallis was developing the 'Bouncing Bomb', later to be used by the RAF in the famous Dambusters raid of May 1943. The raid destroyed Germany's Mohne and Eder dams.
- There was an American army base in Bushy Park (600m south west of the site).
- Teddington Film Studios, one of the few British studios (2km southeast), received a direct hit from a V1 on the evening of July 5, 1944.
- By the end of the war, 143 civilians had been killed in air raids, 500 houses had been destroyed, and another 32,000 residences had sustained damage.

#### Recommended risk mitigation measures

To support the proposed works, Primely Ltd suggests the following risk mitigation measures:

 No further action. However, re-active measures should be employed such as a UXO "Toolbox" brief, a UXO 'Emergency Management Plan' and/or an "on-call" service.

Primely Ltd can supply the above services.

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## Acronyms and abbreviations

AAA	Anti-Aircraft Artillery	HSWA	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
AP	Armour Piercing	IB	Incendiary Bomb
AP	Anti-Personnel	JSEODOC	Joint Services Explosive Ordnance
ARP	Air Raid Precaution (Wardens)		Disposal Operations Centre (UK)
BD	Bombing Density	LE	Low Explosive
BGL	Below Ground Level	LM	Luftmine (Germany)
BGS	British Geological Survey (UK)	LSA	Land Service Ammunition MOD
BH	Borehole		Ministry of Defence (UK)
BPD	Bomb Penetration Depth	NEQ	Net Explosive Quantity
CDM	Construction (Design and	RAF	Royal Air Force
	Management) Regulations 2015	RN	Royal Navy
	(UK)	ROF	Royal Ordnance Factory
CIRIA	Construction Industry Research	SAA	Small Arms Ammunition
	and Information Association	SAP	Semi-Armour-Piercing
СРТ	Cone Penetrometer Test	RAF	Royal Air Force
EOC	Explosive Ordnance Clearance	SI	Site Investigation
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal	SIP	Self-Igniting Phosphorous
ERP	Emergency Response Plan	UXB	Unexploded Bomb
ERW	Explosive Remnants of War	UXO	Unexploded Ordnance
FFE	Free From Explosives	V1	Vengeance Weapon 1 - Flying bombs
GI	Ground Investigation	V2	Vengeance Weapon 2 - Flying bombs
GPS	Global Positioning System	WAAF	Women Auxiliary Air Force
HE	High Explosive	ROF	Small Arms Ammunition
HSE	Health and Safety Executive	SI	Site Investigation
HSWA	Health and Safety at Work Act		
	1974		
IB	Incendiary Bomb		
JSEODOC	Joint Services Explosive Ordnance		
	Disposal Operations Centre (UK)		
LE	Low Explosive		

LM Luftmine (Germany)

## **INTRODUCTION**

Primely Ltd has been commissioned by *JOMAS ASSOCIATES* to carry out a detailed Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Risk Assessment for the development projects at North Lane Depot East car par and Elleray Hall, Elleray Road, Teddington TW11 0HG, *United Kingdom*. The desk study provides a detailed assessment of the location with regards to the risks of encountering items of unexploded ordnance and the consequences of that encounter.

This report documents the findings of the study carried out for the assessment of the potential risk from deep buried unexploded High Explosive (HE) bombs and munitions constituents at the site, and make suitable recommendations to mitigate the risk to a level that is as low as reasonable and practicable (ALARP).

Reasonable efforts have been exerted to ensure that significant and sufficient available historical information has been accessed and checked. The evidence assessed has been, where possible, included in the report to enable *JOMAS* and its representatives to understand the basis of the risk assessment.

Primely Ltd cannot be held responsible for inaccuracies, gaps in the available historical information, or for any changes to the assessed level of risk or risk mitigation measures based on documentation or other information that may have become available or discovered later than the date of this study.

The exact location of ordnances, their nature, as well as their quantities is ambiguous to say the least with absolute exactitude because wartime records are difficult to verify. However, our study leans on the accumulation and careful analysis of a multitude of accessible evidence.

There are several sources of information through which investigations for UXO hazards can be collected; these include the national archives, MoD archives, local historical sources, historical mapping, as well as available aerial photography. Information was considered only if it reasonably correlated with the site.

## 1. METHODOLOGY

### 1.1 Method objectives

This report follows the guidelines outlined in CIRIA Report C681, '<u>Unexploded Ordnance</u> (<u>UXO): A Guide for the Construction Industry</u>' which represents best practice and has been endorsed by the HSE. The report recommends appropriate site and work-specific risk mitigation measures to reduce the risk from explosive ordnance during the envisaged works to a level that is as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP).

The ALARP principle is a key factor in efficiency and effectiveness in reducing UXO risks. Any additional mitigation that delivers low benefits but consumes disproportionate time, money, and effort, is dimmed unnecessary. It is important to note that the principle is not trying to reduce the risk to zero, but to find the balance of reducing the cost of a risk significantly without compromising safety. The assessment of UXO risk is a measure of probability of encountering a deep buried unexploded ordnance and the consequence of that encounter. If risks of an UXO were identified, the methods of mitigation recommended in this report are considered reasonably and sufficiently robust to reduce them to ALARP.

Primely Ltd has been supporting the UK construction industry with UXO Risk Management measures and can support JOMAS ASSOCIATES through the whole risk management process. We offer the complete UXO risk management process from the preliminary and detailed desk study through to on-site support.

## 1.2 Sources of Information

Reasonable effort has been made to ensure that relevant evidence was consulted and presented to produce a thorough and comprehensible report. To achieve this, the following records and archives material, held in the public domain, have been accessed:

- Primely Ltd in-house data base.
- The National Archives, Kew.
- Historical mapping datasets.
- British Geological Survey
- Historic England National Monuments Record.
- Available material from 33 Engineer Regiment (EOD) Archive.
- Open sources such as published books and verified online resources.

## 2. SITE DETAILS AND DESCRIPTION

## 2.1 Site location and Description

The investigation is for the sites located at North lane depot East car park and Elleray Hall, Elleray Road, Teddington TW11 0HG, United Kingdom. The site is centred approximately on National Grid Reference TQ 15689 70909.

The site is bounded on all sides by private homes, with North Lane on its West and Middle Lane centred between the two plots as seen in figure 2.1 below.

The site is currently occupied by commercial buildings in part and associated with hardstanding tarmacked ground.



Figure 2.1: Description of the site location

## 2.2 Proposed Scheme of work

It is understood that a series of site investigation works are planned across the site area.

## 2.3 Ground Conditions - Geology

It should be noted that the maximum depth that a bomb could reach may vary across a site and will be largely dependent on the specific underlying geological strata and its density.

## 2.4 Historical Ground Investigation Data

The British Geological Survey Geology of Britain web map services provides access to the geographic locations and logs of historical borehole investigations and well installations located nearby, to the north and east of the site (See figure 2.4 below).



Figure 2.4: Historical borehole records (Source: BGS Web Service)

Table 2.4.1 below displays the strata succession encountered in the boreholes (See appendix for full log). No boreholes were found closer to the site.

Name: LITTLE QUEENS ROAI Reference: TQ17SE19 Length (m): 9.600000 Ea	D TWICKENHAN sting: 515500 Nort	/ <b>/</b> hing: 170800
Geological section	Thickness	Depth
Topsoil	0.2m	0.6
Made ground	5.9m	6.1m
Gravel	0.3m	6.4m
Brown clay	0.3m	6.7m
Blue clay	3m	9.77m

#### Table 2.4.1: LITTLE QUEENS ROAD TWICKENHAM

#### Table 2.4.2: GOVERNMENT CHEMIST LAB NPPL 11

Name: GOVERNMENT CHEMI	ST LAB NPPL 1	1
Reference: TQ17SE64/K Length (m): 10.000000 E	asting: 515470 No	rthing: 170750
Geological section	Thickness	Depth
Made ground	5.9m	1.0m
Gravel	0.3m	1.8m
Weathered London clay	0.3m	7.8m
London clay	3m	8m

## **3. HISTORICAL DATASETS**

## 3.1 General

The following section presents information identified relating to the site of military value of various types. The focus of this report concerns German aerial delivered weapons dropped during WWI and WWII.

The Great War started in Belgium and France along the Western Front in 1914 but by the beginning of 1915 it had moved closer to home. During the first great war, London was targeted and bombed by Zeppelin Airships. An estimated 250 tons of ordnance were dropped upon the city, most of which fell on the City of London. The first Zeppelin raid over London came on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1915 and the increasing threat of attack saw the establishment of a ring of defensive airfields around the city.

The country received a much-needed respite from bombing in June 1941, when Luftwaffe squadrons were ordered to concentrate on the war against Russia. The resumption of Hitler's bombing of England, a period known as The Little Blitz, did not occur until the spring of 1944, when raids were launched from Luftwaffe bases in occupied France.

WWI bombs were generally smaller in sizes and were dropped from a lower altitude which resulted in a limited penetration in depth of these ordnances. This report has placed a greater emphasis on WWII bombs as they can be found significantly deeper than the WWI ordnances.

### 3.2 Site History

The sites are situated in Teddington, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. It is also in the historic county of Middlesex.

In 1800 the population of Teddington was under 700, in 100 houses. The number of houses had probably doubled by the 1860s, but the population was still only just over 1000. In 1861 the Manor of Teddington, which consisted of nearly half the parish, was sold for the development of desirable villas. To assist this development the railway arrived in 1863.

There were no buildings in Broad Street in 1800 although there were houses in Middle Lane backing on to Broad Street and in Park Lane, including the alms houses, built in 1739 and demolished in about 1950. Elleray Villa was built by 1820 on the corner of North Lane with an entrance in Broad Street. The house was demolished in about 1890 and the site crossed by Elleray Road. There was a house round the corner in Stanley Road in 1800. It is thought that this was the house called Maud Cottage, later called The Hollies or the Old Hollies. The house was demolished in 1965 to make way for the redevelopment of the land between Somerset Road and Walpole Road.

Built in 1911, Elleray Hall's initial purpose was to act as a parish hall. It wasn't until 1950's Teddington's Old Peoples' Welfare Committee (T.O.P.W.C.) began utilising the hall for distributing off-ration sweets to its local elderly community. T.O.P.W.C. had been formed in 1946 with the aim of aiding the elderly with fuel and food. Seventy-two years on, T.O.P.W.C. has become Elleray Community Association but its objective of combating isolation in the neighbourhood continues.

At the end of October 1940, concerns ran high when a bomb landed on the apron of Teddington Weir. The breach caused by the bomb's detonation created a reduction in the depth of water at Teddington Reach (1.6 km east of the site) by six feet, making navigation impossible except at high tides. Those dwelling on Trowlock Island were marooned temporarily. Full navigation of the Reach would not be restored for seven weeks.

In the months that followed, the aerial bombardment grew heavier. November 1940 saw the borough sustain its highest casualties. 74 people were killed, the majority in a devastating attack which took place on the night of November 29. 130 bombs and between 3,000 and 5,000 incendiary devices rained down on Twickenham and Teddington, destroying 150 houses and damaging more than 6,000 others. The worst damage was sustained just 130m north of the depot, at Church Road.

Mrs Lilian Dring, a Teddington resident, wrote: "Most of Teddington became a raging inferno. Duty rotas were abandoned and every available warden was on duty most of the night. The Baltic Timber Yard, Stanley Road (which is just over 300m north west of the site) and the Baptist Church went up in mountains of flame which almost met over our heads as we patrolled Walpole Road."

Another tragedy occurred the same night. Bombs intended to pulverize the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington exploded over a public air raid shelter in the laboratory's grounds, killing eight residents of Walpole Crescent. The NPL (circa 500m Northwest of the sites of interest) had been designated a special target by the Luftwaffe, as it was here the engineer and aeronautical designer Barnes Wallis was developing the 'Bouncing Bomb', later to be used by the RAF in the famous Dambusters raid of May 1943. The raid destroyed Germany's Mohne and Eder dams.

During the 'Little Blitz', as far as residents of the borough were concerned, the worst of these raids occurred on February 25, 1944, when 45 bombs were dropped in an effort to destroy both the National Physical Laboratory and an American army base in Bushy Park (600m south west of the site). The Luftwaffe missed their targets. Three bombs fell in Fulwell Golf Course (1.2km north) and 28 landed in Hampton and Hampton Hill (1.6km northwest).

Teddington Film Studios, one of the few British studios (2km southeast) to remain in operation during World War II, received a direct hit from a V1 on the evening of July 5, 1944. The bomb completely gutted the main studio and took the life of 'Doc' Salomon, the studio's American production manager. This effectively put an end to Teddington Studio's valiant efforts to produce morale-boosting films throughout the war. Understandably, the psychological impact these missiles had on the local population was devastating. An even greater threat was posed by the sophisticated, longer-range V2 rockets. Unlike the V1, which could be seen and heard from a distance, the V2 was silent and there was no warning

of its arrival: it simply dropped to the ground and exploded violently on impact. The only V2 to land in the area, at the rear of Fairfax Road, 1.3km southeast, left a crater 40 feet wide and 8 feet deep. Fear of this new menace from the skies led to the evacuation of 7,000 women and children from the borough in July 1944.

By the end of the war, 143 civilians had been killed in air raids, 500 houses had been destroyed, and another 32,000 residences had sustained damage.

### 3.2.1 Second World War Bombing Statistics

The following table summarises the quantity of German bombs (excluding 1kg incendiaries and antipersonnel bombs) falling on the borough of Richmond upon Thames between 1940 and 1945.

	Record of German Ordnance Dropped or	n Teddington
Area Acrea	age	N/A
Weapons	High Explosive Bombs (all types)	59
	Parachute Mines	-
	Oil Bombs	-
	Phosphorus Bombs	-
	Fire Pot	-
	Pilotless Aircraft (V-1) incidents	-
	Long Range Rockets (V-2) incidents	-
Total		
Items per '	1000 acres	N/A

Table 3.2.1 Ordnance Statistic within the borough<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Home Office Statistics

This table does not include UXO found during or after WWII.

1kg incendiary and anti-personnel bombs were frequently considered too numerous to be recorded and their locations to be registered. They were, consequently, considered to have been dropped ubiquitously across the area. Although the risk relating to Incendiary bombs is lesser than that relating to larger HE bombs, they are still lethal as they were designed to inflict damage and injury. The risk of harm should not be dismissed.

### 3.3 Ordnance Survey Historical Maps

Historical maps were obtained for this report and are presented in Annex F (historical maps). These maps provide an indication of the composition of the site pre and post-WWII. See below for a summary of the site history on various mapping editions.

Pre WW1		
Date	Scale	Description
1896	1:2,500	The site is bounded by Broad street to the north, Park Lane to the
		south, North Lane to the west and Elleray road to the east. It is set in
		rural Teddington and contains two buildings that are not clearly
		defined.
1915	1:2,500	During WW1, there were developments adjacent to the site with the
		emergence of a row of terraced houses facing Elleray road and a Hall
		at the bottom of the site. The area itself illustrates a progress in
		development.

Table 3.3 – Ordnance Survey Historical Maps Description

Pre WW2		
Date	Scale	Description
1920	1:2,500	After WW1, there has been minimal changes to the area.
1934	1:10,560	In the period before WW2, very little or no changes have taken
		place from the previous map edition. Memorial Hospital has been
		built west of the area, on a site that previously used to be a
		Nursery.

Post WW2		
Date	Scale	Description
1959	1:2,500	The site is unchanged with only the Hall being converted into Works building. The area itself is more urbanised with more building's, particularly in the open spaces south and east of the site.
1963-1979	1:2,500	No changes on the site. Nursery and allotment areas towards the south-west have been developed with more housing.
1991	1:2,500	Changes have taken place on the site with a car park built on the north and a Day Centre at the south. Buildings west of the site, adjacent to North Lane have also been replaced by a big car park.
1975	1:10,000	No discernable changes have taken place.
1987	1:10,000	No discernable changes have taken place.

### 3.4 Aerial Bombing

The focus of research is centered on German air-delivered ordnance dropped during WW1. However, other forms of explosive contamination will be considered. It is assessed that the risk of encountering WW1 bombs is low as they were dropped from a lower altitude and were generally smaller in sizes, resulting in a much lower penetration depth.

As for the site of interest in **figure 3.4.1** below show the concentric red lines that portray a high bombing density on and around the site area. This indicates that there has been a significant tonnage of bombs dropped in the area. This may be due to the high number of military target present in the area.

## 3.5 Sources of Potential Unexploded Ordnance

During WWI and WWII, many towns and cities across the UK were subjected to bombing which often resulted in extensive damage to town centres, docks, railways, industrial areas, and other infrastructures. Part of the destruction could be associated with the poor accuracy of the technology and the nature of bombing techniques.

The bombing records were gathered by the police, Air Raid Precaution (ARP) wardens, and military personnel. The records were maintained locally and/or by regions, in the form of written records, maps (depicting strikes' locations and damage to structures). Records were detailed and typically made through direct observations, or by post-raid surveys. As the immediate priority was to assist casualties and minimise damage, loss or incompletion of some records were inevitable.

UXO found at diverse sites in the UK originates from three principal sources;

- During escape of Luftwaffe aircrafts from an aerial attack, they would drop some or all their load resulting in bombs being found in unexpected locations. This is commonly referred to as tip and run. The CIRIA publication C681 suggests that approximately 10 per cent of all munitions deployed failed to function as designed. Thus, many remained buried and can present a potential risk especially to workers undertaking construction and civil engineering groundwork.
- 2. During transportation of aggregate containing munitions from a contaminated area to an area that was previously free of UXO.
- Poor precision during targeting (due to high altitude night bombing and/or poor visibility) resulted in bombs landing off target, but within the surrounding area. British decoy sites were constructed to deliberately cause incorrect targeting, often built in remote and uninhabited areas.

### 3.5.1 Allied as source of UXO

As the pressure mounted during WWII, the government requisitioned considerable areas of land for defence, where the armed forces would carry out training, construction of airfields and facilities for munitions production and storage. It has been estimated that at least 20 per cent of the UK's land has been used for military training at some point.

Thousands of tons of the munitions used during the war were used for the Allied Forces weapon testing, and military training. Therefore, allied UXO contamination derived from legacy munitions from military training, deliberate or accidental dumping (AXO), and ordnance that directly resulted from war fighting activities are known as Explosive Remnants of War.

There is no supporting evidence that the site had been used for military purpose or even to store resources. The closest legitimate target was the training ground at Mill green.

### 3.5.2 German as source of UXO

Where a bomb fails to detonate upon penetration of the ground, it leaves behind an entry hole that is not always apparent, and some were unreported, leaving the buried bomb being unrecorded. Aerial bombing of London witnessed a wide range of German bombs.

# 3.6 WWII German aerial Ordnance Type Description High Explosive (HE) Bombs

#### 3.6.1 German SC50 and SC250

The SC series of High Explosive Bombs were thin cased bombs used for general demolition. In this series, most bombs were between 50kg to 500kg, with larger bombs of up to 1,800kg (see Annex A). Their fill of high explosive made up half their weight. The SC50 was made of a 'one piece drawn steel body'. The SD series were bombs made with a thicker case and a lower charge weight and were generally used against hardened targets (See table 3.6.1 below).

Weight in Kg	Weight in Ib	Series
50kg	112lb	S.C. or S.D.
250kg	550lb	S.C. or S.D.
500kg	1,000lb	S.C. or S.D.
1000kg	2,400 lb	S.C. (Herman)
1,000kg	2,400 lb	S.D. (Esau)
1,400kg	3,200 lb	S.D. (Fritz)
1,800kg	4,000 lb	S.C. (Satan)

 Table 3.6.1: Range of German bomb series

### 3.6.2 1Kg Incendiary Bomb SD2 'Butterfly' Bomb (Armed status)

The 1 kg B1E incendiary bomb (see annex B) consisted of a cylinder of magnesium alloy, with an incendiary filling of thermite with three steel fins. These bombs were ignited by a small percussion charge, fired upon impact. Explosive heads were later incorporated into the IB. Whilst Incendiary Bombs may have fallen within the Study Site, they were considered ubiquitous and record keeping of those were sometimes discarded if they were under 1kg.

#### 3.6.3 The Butterfly Bomb (or Sprengbombe Dickwandig 2 kg or SD2)

These were a German 2-kilogram antipersonnel sub munition used by the Luftwaffe, made of a thin cylindrical metal outer shell which hinged open when the bomblets were deployed **(see annex B).** The design was very distinctive and easy to recognise as it had the appearance of a large butterfly. SD2 bomblets were dropped in large numbers from containers holding between 6 and 108 sub munitions. These broke open in air and scattered the sub-munitions.

### 3.6.4 V1s and V2s

The final phase of bombing began at the end of 1944 when the first V2 rocket exploded in addition to IBs and HE bomb strikes. The fear of the V1 flying bombs and V2 rockets was tangible. These unmanned bombs were caused when London targets were overshot. The V type rockets were thin-skinned, unmanned, and less accurate weapons (see annex C). There was no advance warning for a rocket which travelled faster than the speed of sound, reaching its target four minutes after launch. Enormously destructive, they caused huge craters and flattened whole rows of houses. Across London thousands of homeless people needed rehousing.

### 3.7 Consequences of interaction

A friction impact from intrusive machineries could provoke a shock-sensitive fuse explosive. The effects of chemical breakdown of the explosive fill and the general degradation over time can cause explosive compounds to crystallise and extrude out from the main body of the bomb. It may only require a limited amount of energy to initiate the extruded explosive around the fuse pocket which could detonate the main charge.

Upon detonation, factors that may be affected may vary depending on the site-specific conditions but can be summarised as:

- People site workers, local residents and general public.
- Plant and equipment construction plant on site.
- Services subsurface gas, electricity, telecommunications.
- Structures not only visible damage to above ground buildings, but potentially damage to foundations and the weakening of support structures.

The depth that an unexploded bomb will penetrate depends on several factors including:

- Size and shape of bomb
- Height of release
- Velocity and angle of bomb
- Nature of the ground cover
- The Geology.

Unexploded ordnance does not spontaneously explode as military HE. It is generally reasonably stable and requires significant energy for detonation to occur. In the case of a German UXB, discovered within the construction site, there are other potential initiation mechanisms such as a significant impact e.g. from piling machinery or large and violent mechanical excavation, onto the main body of the weapon (unless the fuse is struck).

Most German bomb and mine fuses were electric and were highly engineered compared to their British equivalents. A small proportion of German WWII bombs employed clockwork fuses. It is probable that clockwork or mechanical fuse mechanisms would have corroded since WWII and this will generally prevent them from functioning.

## 4. REQUIREMENT FOR UXO RISK ASSESSMENT

### 4.1 Background

There is currently no formal obligation for construction or development projects to undertake a UXO risk assessment in the UK and there is no specific legislation enforcing this on the management for the mitigation of UXO risk. However, the CDM legislation outlined below makes noticeably clear that those responsible for intrusive works should undertake a comprehensive and robust assessment of the potential risks to employees and implement mitigation measures to address any hazards identified.

### 4.2 CDM Regulations 2015

The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 defines the responsibilities of parties involved in the construction of temporary or permanent structures. The CDM 2015 establishes a duty of care extending from clients, principle coordinators, designers, and contractors to those working on, or affected by, a project. Those responsible for construction projects may therefore be accountable for the personal or proprietary loss of third parties if correct health and safety procedure has not been applied. The CDM 2015 does not specifically reference UXO. The risk presented by such items is both within the scope and purpose of the legislation. It is therefore implied that there is an obligation on parties to:

- Provide or obtain an appropriate assessment of potential UXO risks at the site.
- Emplace appropriate risk mitigation measures if necessary.
- Supply all parties with relevant risk information.
- Prepare a suitably robust emergency response plan.

## 4.3 Other legislations

The 1974 Health and Safety at Work Act dictates that all employers have a responsibility under this Act and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, to ensure the health and safety of their employees and third parties, so far as is reasonably practicable. In the event of a casualty resulting from the failure of an employer or client to address the risks relating to UXO, the organisation may be criminally liable under the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007.

## **5. DATA ANALYSIS**

The sites are situated in Teddington, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. It is also in the historic county of Middlesex. The borough received a low bombing campaign during the war.

There were no buildings in Broad Street (150m northeast of the site) in 1800 although there were houses in Middle Lane backing on to Broad Street and in Park Lane, including the alms houses, built in 1739 and demolished in about 1950. Elleray Villa was built by 1820. The house was demolished in about 1890 and the site crossed by Elleray Road.

Built in 1911, Elleray Hall's initial purpose was to act as a parish hall.

At the end of October 1940, a bomb landed on the apron of Teddington Weir. The breach caused by the bomb's detonation created a reduction in the depth of water at Teddington Reach (1.6 km east of the site) by six feet, making navigation impossible.

November 1940 saw the borough sustain its highest casualties. 74 people were killed, the majority in a devastating attack which took place on the night of November 29. 130 bombs and between 3,000 and 5,000 incendiary devices rained down on Twickenham and Teddington, destroying 150 houses and damaging more than 6,000 others. The worst damage was sustained just 130m north of the depot, at Church Road.

Another tragedy occurred the same night. Bombs intended to pulverize the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington exploded over a public air raid shelter in the laboratory's grounds, killing eight residents of Walpole Crescent. The NPL (circa 500m Northwest of the sites of interest) had been designated a special target by the Luftwaffe, as it was here the engineer and aeronautical designer Barnes Wallis was developing the 'Bouncing Bomb', later to be used by the RAF in the famous Dambusters raid of May 1943. The raid destroyed Germany's Mohne and Eder dams.

There was an American army base in Bushy Park (600m south west of the site), which was hit by 45 bombs On February 25, 1944.

The National Physical Laboratory was an official Luftwaffe target, which it missed their targets. Three bombs fell in Fulwell Golf Course (1.2km north) and 28 landed in Hampton and Hampton Hill (1.6km northwest).

Teddington Film Studios, one of the few British studios (2km southeast) to remain in operation during World War II, received a direct hit from a V1 on the evening of July 5, 1944. By the end of the war, 143 civilians had been killed in air raids, 500 houses had been destroyed, and another 32,000 residences had sustained damage.

## 6. RISK ASSESSMENT

There is a **low** risk of encountering German air delivered HE bombs. British AAA projectiles and Incendiary bombs pose a **low** threat.

### 6.1 Maximum Bomb Penetration Depth

A key consideration when assessing the likelihood of finding a high explosive bomb is the depth at which they may be found. The penetration is dependent upon the:

- **Nature** of the ground;
- Weight of the ordnance;
- Type of ordnance.

### 6.1.1 The J-Curve Effect

When an air-delivered bomb penetrates the ground after it is dropped from height, it is slowed by its passage through underlying soils, its trajectory curves towards the surface with a final horizontal offset from the point of entry. This is typically a distance of about one third of the bomb's penetration depth but can be up to 15m. This underground trajectory is known as a **J curve (See Annex E)** and is the reason why bombs can be found under basements that were constructed before WW2.

Research during WW2 suggested that a 1000kg bomb dropped in clay could theoretically penetrate a vertical depth of 25m and 8m horizontally. It should be noted that the maximum **actual** depth of penetration observed in the research for a 1000kg bomb was 12.5m. Contemporary bomb disposal guidance indicated that only 1% of bombs (of 50kg or heavier) penetrated more than 9m.

### 6.1.2 WWII UXB Penetration Studies

During WWII, the Ministry of Home Security undertook a major study on actual bomb penetration depths, carrying out statistical analysis on the measured depths of 1,328 bombs as reported by Bomb Disposal. Conclusions were made as to the likely average and maximum depths of penetration of different sized bombs in different geological strata. For example, the largest common German bomb (500kg) had a likely concluded penetration depth of 6m in sand or gravel but 11m in clay. The maximum observed depth for a 500kg bomb was 11.4m and for a 1000kg bomb 12.8m. Theoretical calculations suggested that significantly greater penetration depths were probable.

### 6.1.3 Site Specific Bomb Penetration Considerations

Although it is possible that the Luftwaffe deployed bombs in the area, their deployment was infrequent, and to use such larger (or the largest) bombs for BPD calculations were not justifiable on either technical or risk management grounds. WWII German bombs have a greater penetration depth when compared to IBs and AAA projectiles, which are unlikely to be encountered at depths greater than 1m. Given the development of the Site after WWII, the presence of Unexploded Ordnance is significantly reduced, unless a cross contamination has taken place.

### 6.2 Risk Pathway

Given the types of UXO that might be present on Site, all types of aggressive intrusive engineering activities (i.e. excavations and piling) may generate a significant risk pathway. Whilst not all UXO encountered aggressively will initiate upon contact, such a discovery could lead to serious impact on the project especially in terms of critical injury to personnel, damage to equipment and project delay.

## 6.4 Risk Rating Calculation

This Semi-Quantitative Risk Assessment assesses and rates the risks posed by the most probable threat items when conducting many different activities on the site. Risk Rating is determined by calculating the probability of encountering UXO and the consequences of initiating it.

UXO RISK CALCULA	TIONS TABLE – ALL	AREAS		
Activities	Threat item	Probability (SH X EM=P)	Consequence (DXPSR=C)	Risk rating (PXC=RR)
Trial Pits	HE Bombs	1x1=1	2x3=6	1x6=6
(Within existing foundations)	AAA projectiles	1x1=1	3x2=6	1x6=6
	IBs	1x1=1	2x3=6	1x6=6
Boreholes	HE Bombs	1x2=2	2x2=4	2x4=8
(Within existing foundations)	AAA projectiles	1x1=1	2x2=4	1x4=4
	IBs	1x1=1	2x2=4	1x4=4
Piling	HE Bombs	1x3=3	3x1=3	3x3=4
(Within existing foundations)	AAA Projectiles	1x1=1	3x2=6	1x6=6
	IBs	1x1=1	2x2=4	1x4=12

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SH: Site History

**EM:** Engineering Methodology

P: Probability

D: Depth

C: Consequence PSR: Proximity to Sensitive Receptors RR: Risk Rating

Key

Low	Medium	High	Very High
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#### **Probability Calculation**

The potential that an item of UXO would detonate, if encountered, relies on a number of variable factors. There are no empirical means of accurately and reasonably calculating the probability of an UXO detonation during intrusive site activities. During the semi quantitative risk assessment process, SH and IM are scored from 1 to 3 with 1 = Low, 2 = Medium and 3 = High. Probability is therefore scored 1 to 9.

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Table 6.4.2 - Risk Rating - Probability and Consequence

Table 6.4.3 – Risk Scoring Categories

Risk Rating (P x C)	Risk Rating (P x C)	Risk Tolerability	Action Required		
1-9	Low	Partly Tolerable	Re-active measures should be employed such as a LIXO "Toolbox" brief a LIXO 'Emergency		
12-18	Low-Medium	Less Tolerable	Management Plan' and/or an "on-call" service.		
24-27	Medium-High	intolerable	Pro-active measures should be employed such		
36-81	High	Highly Intolerable	as EOD Engineer Site Supervision and Magnetometer Surveys.		

In utilising table 6.4.3 above, Primely Ltd can assess the risk tolerability and devise a suitable level of risk mitigation to meet the ALARP principle.

## 7 RECOMMENDED RISK MITIGATION MEASURES

For the works carried out at North Lane depot East car park, Teddington TW11 0HG and Elleray Hall, Elleray Road, Teddington TW11 0HG, United Kingdom, Primely Ltd estimates that there is a LOW risk of deep buried UXO and recommends:

No further action. However, re-active measures should be employed such as a UXO "Toolbox" brief, a UXO 'Emergency Management Plan' and/or an "on-call" service. A Site Management documentation detailing the actions to undertake in the event of a suspected or real UXO discovery should be held on-site to guide, which can be supplied by Primely Ltd.

This desktop assessment is based upon analysis of historical evidence along with other data readily available. Every reasonable effort has been made to locate and present significant and pertinent information.

Primely Ltd cannot be held accountable for any changes to the assessed risk level or risk mitigation measures, based on documentation or other data that may come to light later than the date of this study or which was not available to Primely Ltd during the production of this report.

The accuracy of WWII era records sometimes proves difficult to verify. Therefore, conclusions as to the exact location and nature of a UXO risk can rarely be quantified and are to a degree subjective. To counter this, a range of sources have been consulted and analysed. Wartime records show that the quality and nature of record keeping varied between boroughs; while some local authorities maintained records with a methodical approach, others considered a more vague, dispersed, and narrow in scope. Many other records were damaged or destroyed in subsequent bombing raids. Furthermore, records of attacks on military or strategic targets were often maintained separately from the general records and those have not always survived.

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## APPENDICES

## Appendix A Site Location



## Appendix B Historical Borehole scans

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## Appendix C London bombing census Map

### Appendix D Bomb Damage Maps

Bombsight free public resource - bomb location map

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LCC Bomb Damage Maps

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## ANNEXES





### ANNEX B Most used Bombs





SC50 HE Bomb		
1.1.1.1.1	Overall Length	46.1 inches (1,171 mm)
A	Body Length	30.0 inches (762 mm)
	Body Diameter	7.9 inches (201 mm)
	Tail Width	16.1 inches (409 mm)
5 5 5 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7 7	Filling Weight	24.4 kilograms (54 lb)
	Total Weight	55 kilograms (121 lb)
	Charge/Weight Ratio	45.75%
43-1 4 merendenner 40	Explosive Filling	Cast <u>TNT</u> , <u>Amatol</u> or Trialen
19	Bomb Type	High Explosive

#### Incendiary Bomb Bomb weight 1kg Construction Electron case with steel nose cap 350mm Length Body diameter 30mm Fill 650g (1.7 lb) Thermite Fuse impact ŧ 000 used extensively in WW II and often in a conjunction with HE bombs. 3mm

#### SD-2 Butterfly bomb



	Weight	2Kg			
	Length	200mm			
	Body diameter	80mm			
	explosive	Fp 60/40			
	NEQ	0.225Kg (0.496	6lb)		
	Fuse	Mechanical		Clo	ckwork/
		Mechanical	time	or	B1/B2
		Harassment			
	German 2 kg anti-pe	rsonnel submu	nition	used	by the
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Parachute Mine (Luftmine B / LMB)					
	Bomb Weight	987.017kg (2176lb)			
	ExplosiveWeight	125-130kg (276-287lb)			
	Fuze Type	Impact/ Time delay / hydrostatic pressure fuze			
	Bomb Dimensions	1640 x 512mm (64.57 x 20.16in)			
	Body Diameter	368mm (14.5in)			
	Remarks	Parachute Mines were normally carried by HE115 (Naval operations), HE 111 and JU 88 aircraft types. Deployed a parachute when dropped in order to control its descent.			

### ANNEX C British Anti Aircrafts Ammuntions



40mm Bofor's Projectile		
	Weight	1.96lb (0.86kg)
	Explosive Weight	300g (0.6lb)
	Fuze Type	Proximity and Mechanical Time Fuze
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Aver in the average of the average o	Dimensions	40mm x 310mm (1.6in x 12.2in)
TRACER & INVER SHELL Nº II	Ceiling	23,000ft (7000m)

#### **ANNEX D** – Vengeance weapons

### Annex D1 The V1 Flying Bomb



The V1 Flying bomb was the world's first cruise missile, they were also known as Doodle bugs or Vengeance weapon. The V1 was an unmanned plane that delivered a ton of high explosive. Between June 1944 and March 1945, 2419 of them exploded in London. The V1 was capable of inflicting huge damage to buildings, homes, and personnel. In the inner London suburbs where terrace houses were packed together, sometimes up to 20 houses would totally collapse, just at one hit. The blast area of a V1 extended across a radius of 400 -600 yards in each direction. <u>https://youtu.be/ro4ApX7EhJw</u>



### Annex D2 The V2 Rocket

#### https://rarehistoricalphotos.com/v2-rocket-in-pictures/

In addition to type and weight designations, HE bombs sometimes carried a suffix to indicate the type of fuse or zünder employed, i.e, mV = "mit Verzögerung" (with short delay action) and LZZ = "LangZeitZünder" (long time delay). Thus, for example, the designation SC250 LZZ identified a general purpose, high explosive bomb, weighing 250kg and fitted with a long delay fuse. The thin-cased general purpose was called the "sprengbombe cylindrich" (SC. Used for blast effect, they had a relatively high charge ratio of 55%. Used primarily for general demolition, something like 80% of German high explosive bombs dropped on the UK were of the SC type.

### ANNEX E The J – Curve



#### **ANNEX F: Historical Maps**





















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## SOME BOMB INCIDENTS IN THE UK IN RECENT YEARS



Kingston (2019)



City Airport (2018)



Wembley (May 2015)



White City (July 2015)



Bethnal Green (April 2015)