

## Seal House, Upper Thames Street Archaeological Evaluation

Site Type: Deep Urban

Fieldwork: MOLA (2022)

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### Proposed scheme

The scheme comprises redevelopment of a site adjacent to London Bridge that had been previously partly excavated in the 1970s when the current building was constructed. Extensive Roman and medieval waterfront structures were identified along with later warehouses. The new development would remove any remaining archaeology.

### Archaeological response

It was unclear how much archaeology had been preserved in situ in the 1970s and how much had been removed during construction. The Roman masonry river wall (now scheduled where identified) was also believed to run through the northern part of the site.

Evaluation trenching was carried out in the basements of the building pre-demolition, however the available trench locations were limited due to access issues and other on site constraints. The evaluation did manage to establish that the masonry Roman river wall was not present in the northern part of the site and that some archaeological survival was present in the southern part of the site. Further evaluation was carried out post-demolition to further establish areas where archaeology was removed during the 1970s development and areas where archaeology survived.

### Outcome

The evaluation established that nationally significant remains were unlikely to be affected and enabled a mitigation strategy to be designed to investigate the surviving archaeology before and during development.



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