

Pre-Desk Study Assessment

Site:	Land south of Hale, Kent
Client:	Southern Testing
Contact:	James Whibberley
Date:	31 st August 2018
Pre-WWI Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	None identified.
WWI Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	None identified.
WWI Strategic Targets (within 5km of Site)	<p>The following strategic targets were located in the vicinity of the Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Transport infrastructure and public utilities. ■ Military camps and barracks. ■ Chatham Dockyard. ■ Light industry, including brick works. ■ Anti-aircraft (AA) guns.
WWI Bombing	<p>None identified on the Site.</p> <p>Readily available records have been found to indicate that 1No. HE bomb fell approximately 0.8km north of the Site on the 3rd September 1917.</p>
Interwar Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	None identified.
WWII Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	None identified.
WWII Strategic Targets (within 5km of Site)	<p>The following strategic targets were located in the vicinity of the Site:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Transport infrastructure and public utilities. ■ Military camps and barracks. ■ Chatham Dockyard. ■ Light industry, including brick works. ■ AA and anti-invasion defences.
WWII Bombing Decoys (within 5km of Site)	3No. The nearest was located approximately 0.8km south of the Site.
WWII Bombing	During WWII the Site was located in the Municipal Borough (MB) of Chatham,

	<p>close to the boundary of Gillingham MB.</p> <p>Chatham MB officially recorded 264No. High Explosive (HE) bombs with a regional bombing density of 60.6 bombs per 405 hectares (ha).</p> <p>Gillingham MB officially recorded 280No. HE bombs with a regional bombing density of 33.5 bombs per 405 ha.</p> <p>Readily available records have been found to indicate that at least 2No. HE bombs fell on the Site.</p>
Post-WWII Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	None identified.
Recommendation	It is recommended that a detailed desk study is commissioned to assess, and potentially zone, the Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) hazard level on the Site.
<p>This summary is based on a cursory review of readily available records. Caution is advised if you plan to action work based on this summary.</p> <p>It should be noted that where a potentially significant source of UXO hazard has been identified on the Site, the requirement for a detailed desk study and risk assessment has been confirmed and no further research will be undertaken at this stage. It is possible that further in-depth research as part of a detailed UXO desk study and risk assessment may identify other potential sources of UXO hazard on the Site.</p>	