



**WORKS ON MERTON PRIORY WALLS AT ABBEY WALL WORKS**  
**A response by Wandle Valley Forum to planning application 21/P1069**  
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1. Wandle Valley Forum provides support and an independent voice for 140 community groups, voluntary organisations and local businesses and for everyone who shares a passion for the Wandle.
2. We have considered the proposals to demolish and rebuild two sections of the Grade II listed wall that form part of the boundary of the consented Abbey Wall Works development. We are content that the poor state of the existing walls means that a sensitive demolition and rebuild is a sensible option. Any historic material revealed through the process should be re-used in the structure.
3. It is essential that any works are preceded by detailed archaeological investigation. The westernmost section (red line) appears to be directly over the eastern gate post (blue line) shown on the 1874 OS map as evidenced by this excavation plan:

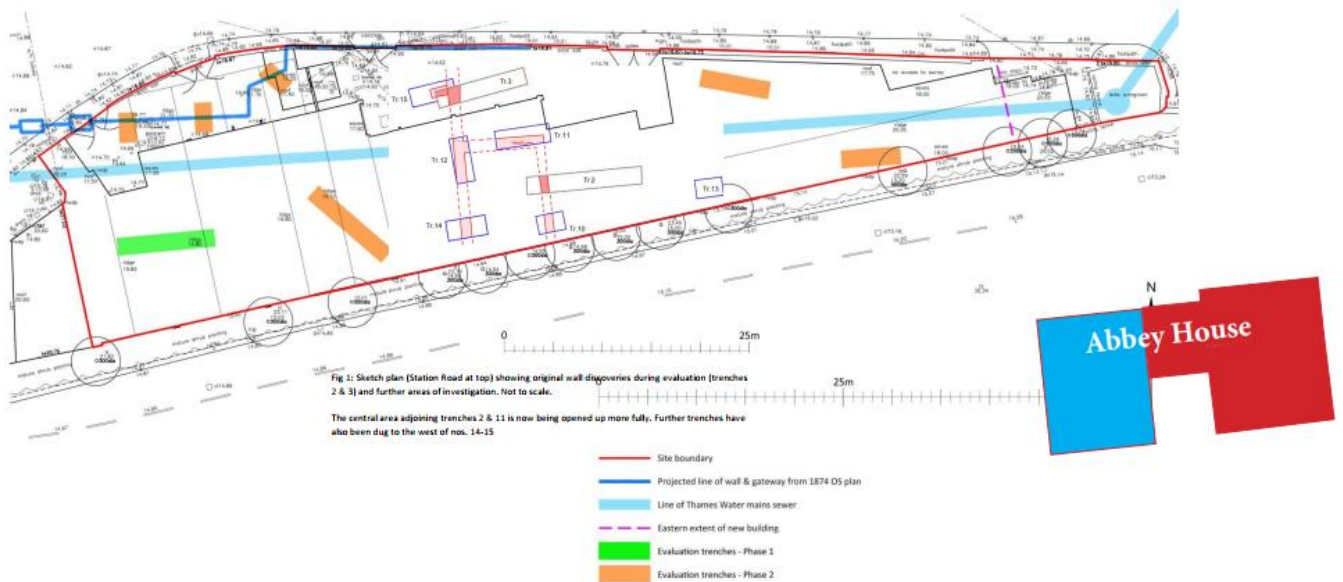


Fig.7: Plan of the proposed evaluation trenches, based on an existing site survey

4. A public report of the archaeological investigations across the whole site should be provided, including from the works associated with the wall.

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