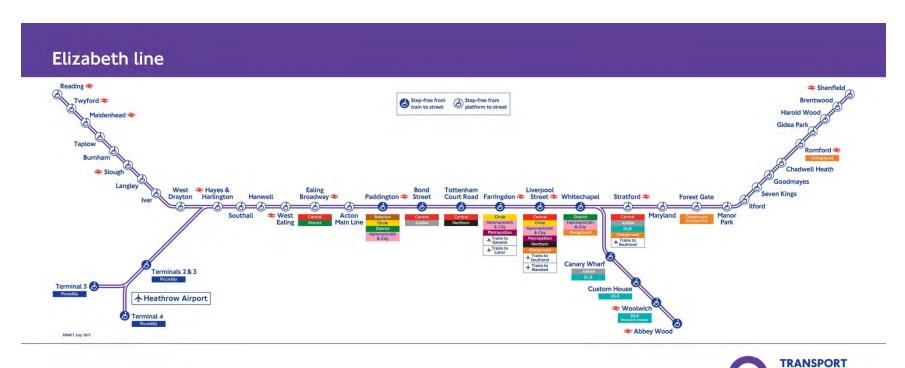
# Not the end of the line: data selection and sustainability in the Crossrail Archive

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# Not the end of the line Part One: Selecting the Digital Archive



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# Journey begins: into the Tunnel

| CRL Contract    | Site code | MOLA    |  |   |       |                           |      |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|--|---|-------|---------------------------|------|
|                 |           | Finance |  |   |       |                           |      |
|                 |           |         | Project  | Product   |       | Senior archaeologist days |      |
| C257 Central    | XRZ10     | R0199   | Finsbury Circus Evaluation                                 | LA article  | 2.00  | 0.25                      | 0.25 |
| C257 Central    | XSB10     | _       | 11-12 Blomfield Street SBR                                 | NA - Oxford Lead                                  |       | 0.00                      |      |
| C257 Central    | XSF10     | R0199   | Farringdon General Watching Briefs Early                   | Charterhouse book                                 | 3.00  | 1.00                      | 0.25 |
| C257 Central    | XSM10     | R0199   | Broadgate  |   |       |                           |      |
| C257 Central    | XSP10     | R0199   | Moorgate Targeted Watching Briefs                          | LA article with XRZ10                             | 4.00  | 1.00                      | 0.25 |
| C257 Central    | XSZ11     | R0199   | Broad Street/City Wall General Watching Briefs             |   | 1.50  | 0.25                      | 0.25 |
| C257 Central    | XTB12     | R0199   | Blomfield St Mitigation Excavation Fieldwork               | two volume book                                   | 2.00  | 0.25                      | 0.25 |
| C257 Central    | XTE12     | R0199   | Farringdon General Watching Briefs Late                    | Charterhouse book                                 | 7.00  | 2.00                      | 0.25 |
|                 |           | R0199   |  |   | 19.50 | 4.75                      | 1.50 |
| C261 Early East | t TCG09   | R0200   | C261 Tottenham Court Road East Area (CAMD/1144)            | Crosse and Blackwell book                         | 7.00  | 2.00                      | 0.25 |
| C261 Early East | t XRV10   | R0200   | Stepney Green General Watching Briefs                      | Stepney book                                      | 10.00 | 2.50                      | 0.25 |
| C261 Early East | t XRW10   | R0200   | Limmo Shaft Evaluation and Boreholes                       | Thames ironwork book and medieval boat LAMAS arti | 4.00  | 2.00                      | 0.25 |
| C261 Early East | XSH10     | R0200   | Whitechapel Evaluation                                     | LA round up                                       | 2.00  | 1.00                      | 0.25 |
| C261 Early East | XSK10     | R0200   | Pudding Mill Lane General Watching Briefs                  | Late Geoarch book                                 | 2.50  | 1.50                      | 0.25 |
| C261 Early East | XTH12     | R0200   | PML Ham & Wick Targeted Watching Briefs                    | Late Geoarch book                                 | 1.00  | 0.25                      | 0.25 |
| C261 Early East | XTJ13     | R0200   | Eleanor Street evaluation                                  | LA round up                                       | 1.50  | 0.25                      | 0.25 |
|                 |           | R0200   |  |   | 28.00 | 9.50                      | 1.75 |
| C263 Late East  | XSV11     | R0201   | North Woolwich Portal evaluation / TWB / sample Excavation | Late Geoarch book                                 | 3.00  | 0.50                      | 0.25 |
| C263 Late East  | XSW11     | R0201   | Plumstead Depot Geoarch Investigation Boreholes            | Late Geoarch book                                 |       | 0.00                      | 0.00 |
| C263 Late East  | XSW11     | R0201   | PLU General Watching Briefs Utilities, Marmadon Sewer etc  | Late Geoarch book                                 |       | 0.00                      | 0.00 |
| C263 Late East  | XSW11     | R0201   | Plumstead Portal Evaluation and GI Monitoring              | Late Geoarch book                                 | 1.50  | 1.50                      | 0.25 |
| C263 Late East  | XSX11     | R0201   | Victoria Dock Portal evaluation                            | Late Geoarch book                                 | 2.00  | 1.00                      | 0.25 |
| C263 Late East  | XSY11     | R0201   | Connaught Tunnel   | Late Geoarch book                                 | 1.50  | 1.00                      | 0.25 |
| C263 Late East  | XTI13     | R0201   | Custom House Evaluation                                    | Late Geoarch book                                 | 1.50  | 0.25                      | 0.25 |
|                 |           | R0201   |  |   | 9.50  | 4.25                      | 1.25 |
|                 |           |         |  |   | 57.00 | 18.50                     | 4.50 |

## **Scary ride?**

- Project has a time limit
- There was to be an exhibition at MOL Docklands on the Crossrail project that would involve a lot of the objects from several of the sites
- MOLA had only deposited project archives with ADS for old sites which only had word and excel documents
- Various books and articles were still to be finished -

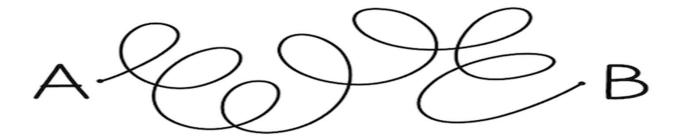


#### **Smoother ride?**



- Crossrail had controlled the report writing process so that they were all quite similar and easy to follow
- They had also required sets of selected 'Progress Photographs' for each site to be sent through to them during the project
- The digital outputs were not very different, in most cases, to what we would usually provide as a digital archive
- I had a great team of archivists who understood what was needed and who pulled together to get the job done

#### **Getting from A to B**

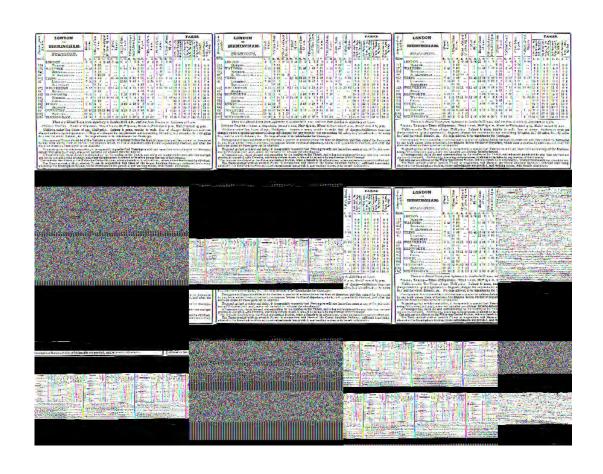


- What train do we need to catch?
- Cheapest ticket available
- Luggage we don't need to take
- First class?

- What basic digital data is available?
- Minimum required for a site archive
- What is being published?
- Useful extras

#### What train do we need to catch?

- Site reports pdf
   Crossrail signed off
   documents
- Survey data CAD and GIS
- Inventories spreadsheets
- Finds and ecofact
   specialist data more
   spreadsheets, reports
- Photos tif and jpg



## Cheapest ticket available

- Report including OASIS form
- Georeferenced Trench edges and section locations, site outlines on mapping background
- Registers for the hard copy records (cross referenced) and digital photographs and inventories for the finds and ecofacts
- Unpublished Specialist reports, data on all categories of finds used to date features and ecofacts
- Selected site photos, images of small finds and studio shots



# Luggage we don't need to take

- Crossrail originated reports
- Multiple CAD trench plans
- Detailed Specialist data
- Endless copies of site photos



#### First Class?

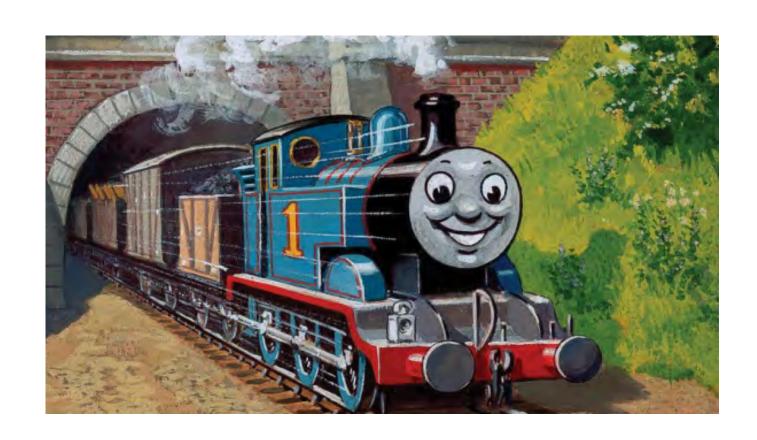
- Site matrices
- Specialist reports not published in full
- Extra data too extensive to include in the publication
- Data on other finds not usually deposited but as the assemblages were quite large, may be of interest
- Digital x-rays and CTscan



# Changing lines



# Journey ends: out of the tunnel





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