

Pre-Desk Study Assessment

Site:	Armoury Drive, Gravesend, Kent
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Pre-WWI Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	By 1862 Milton Barracks had been established on the Site. It was initially a temporary camp for troops training at Milton Rifle Range, approximately 2.3km northeast of the Site. It later became a permanent garrison and infantry depot, accommodating units including the 1st Battalion Somerset & Cornwall Light Infantry Regiment.
WWI Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	During WWI Milton Barracks continued to accommodate troops. In 1917 it became an Auxiliary Military Hospital Unit.
WWI Strategic Targets (within 5km of Site)	The following strategic targets were located in the vicinity of the Site: • Military barracks and training areas. • Docks, wharves, and warehouses along the River Thames. • Transport infrastructure and public utilities. • Industries important to the war effort, including chemical and metal works. • Anti-Aircraft (AA) guns.
WWI Bombing	None identified on the Site.
Interwar Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	Post-WWII Milton Barracks remained operational.
WWII Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	From 1939 Milton Barracks became a Training and Holding Depot. In 1940 the Barracks was expanded, with additional Nissen Huts established to the east of the existing buildings.
WWII Strategic Targets (within 5km of Site)	The following strategic targets were located in the vicinity of the Site: • Military barracks, camps, and training areas. • Docks, wharves, and warehouses along the River Thames. • Transport infrastructure and public utilities. • Industries important to the war effort, including chemical and metal works. • Royal Air Force (RAF) Gravesend. • AA and anti-invasion defences.
WWII Bombing Decoys (within 5km of Site)	1No. located approximately 3.5km northeast of the Site.
WWII Bombing	During WWII the Site was located in the Municipal Borough (MB) of Gravesend, which officially recorded 286No. High Explosive (HE) bombs with a bombing density of 71.3 bombs per 405 hectares (ha). Readily available records have been found to indicate that several HE bombs fell in close proximity to the Site.

Post-WWII Military Activity on or Affecting the Site	Between 1945 and 1957 Milton Barracks was handed to the 30th Reinforcement Holding Unit. In the latter half of the 20th century the Barracks was closed and the majority of the former buildings redeveloped.
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.
Further information	For information about Zetica's detailed UXO desk studies and other UXO services, please visit our website: www.zeticauxo.com. Details and downloadable resources covering the most common sources of UXO hazard affecting sites in the UK can be found here. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to get in contact with us at uxo@zetica.com or 01993 886 682.
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. 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.	