



Latest news from the Northgate project team

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Blue Coat School Visits

Two Year 4 classes from the Blue Coat Primary School in Chester have now visited the site.

We were delighted to welcome our first school visits to learn more about the project, the site's history and its archaeology. The children were able to walk around the site guided by a VINCI Construction Manager and meet one of the archaeologists from OAN. Our heritage team from the Grosvenor Museum also provided Roman artifacts for the children to handle.

Next month we will be holding a virtual visit with Queens Park High School's Year 8 and 9 as part of their enrichment week.

Archaeology Impact Update



Extensive archaeology field work has been carried out prior to and since work started on site in July 2020. To date, archaeologists have unearthed over 10,000 Roman finds to date including a rare gaming piece as well as pottery and parts of the barrack's walls.

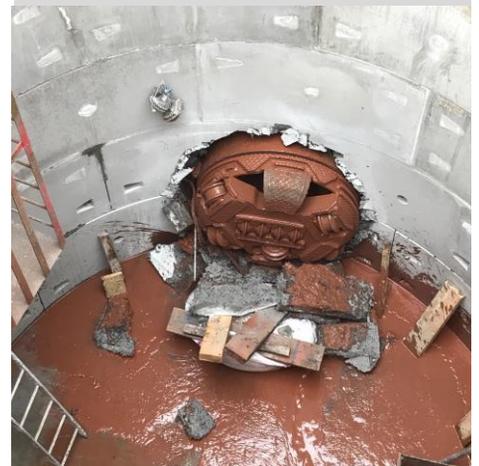
However, as set out in the approved mitigation strategy, construction has not resulted in any major intrusion into the archaeological remains which have remained largely undisturbed. The planning permission required that the loss of Significant archaeology should not exceed 3.9%.

At the time of writing, with nearly all the relevant works complete, the latest calculations show a predicted impact of under 3%. This is a major achievement which, shows what can be achieved on complex urban sites given full engagement in the process by all relevant parties.

Drainage Tunnel News

The first section of the surface water drainage tunnel has now been completed.

Over 115m of tunnel has been excavated along St. Martins Way, with the next two sections due to start simultaneously using two tunnel boring machines, working south towards the river outfall.



Site Progress

The latest aerial view of the Northgate site is now available, showing steelwork for the cinema and market well underway, plus lift shafts for the carpark.

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