

Marian Place Gasholders, Bethnal Green

Site type: Historic Building Recording

Fieldwork: ASE (2016 & 2022)

GLHER report:

[Historic Building Recording at Bethnal Green Gasholders, Marian Place](#)

Proposed scheme

Redevelopment of site resulting in removal of two gasholders and retention of the guide frames of two gasholders.

Archaeological response

Gasholders Nos. 2 and 5 were built in 1866 and 1889 respectively. No. 1 retained its tank of 1853, but the rest was rebuilt in 1925; similarly, No. 4 retained its tank of 1856, but the rest was rebuilt in 1931. The gasholders were part of the Shoreditch base of the Imperial Gas Light and Coke Company, later becoming part of the Chartered Gas Light and Coke Company. GLAAS advised an historic building recording planning condition for the gasholders, which had been rejected for listing but were considered of local interest.

Recording requirements followed Historic England guidance: [Gasworks and Redundant Gasholders | Historic England](#). The whole site was subject to a Level 4 record, but given the higher degree of interest held by Nos. 2 and 5, these were afforded more detailed drawings and were also the focus of a drone survey. The recording utilised a number of techniques including using a drone to record parts of the structures not visible from ground level. Cartographic, photographic and documentary sources were used to enhance and inform the record. A social history aspect formed part of the recording requirement and stories from the local community were included in the report. The influence of the gasholders on artists was also explored.



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