

THE GREATER THAMES ESTUARY

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RESEARCH FRAMEWORK 2010

Update And Revision Of The Archaeological Research Framework
For The Greater Thames Estuary (1999)



The Greater Thames Estuary is an area with a rich historic environment resource; above and below ground, and above and below water. In 1999 the Greater Thames Estuary Archaeological Steering Committee published the first research framework for the area (Williams and Brown 1999) recognising the need for a coherent approach to research in this great European estuary. This document has served to direct research and underpin curatorial decision making for the last ten years, which have seen considerable change take place around the estuary.

The research framework was not intended to be a static document and a review process has taken place, overseen by GTEASC (with funding from English Heritage). The updated Research Framework presents the results of that review, considering:

- Work that has been carried out since the 1999 publication
- What has been achieved
- Which research questions remain valid
- What new questions should be asked

This review has been a collaborative process, drawing upon the knowledge and experience of those with an interest in the historic environment of the estuary across all sectors. Their contributions have been key to the development of this document. Investigations into the historic environment will continue, the results answering some of the questions posed here and raising new ones. The GTEASC will continue to meet and encourage research.

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