A site investigation was requested by our client, as part of their due diligence to purchase the site for use as their headquarters and to relocate their manufacturing production to the site. From at least the 1870s the northern eastern part of the site had comprised a Gasworks with several associated buildings and gasholders. The only other noteworthy historic structure on the site comprised a tramway line that ran along the western area of the site. A school and some other buildings also occupied part of the site from the 1890’s with further buildings being built by the 1960’s

An intrusive investigation was undertaken comprising:

- 3 slit trenches
- One dynamic percussive sampling hole up to 5 metres in depth, including standpipe installation.
- Eight hand dug holes to a maximum depth of 1.3m bgf
- Subsequent laboratory analysis of soil samples and groundwater samples for agreed determinants.
- Soil gas and groundwater monitoring

The investigation had to be restricted due to a lack of proper underground services knowledge, a number of site constraints that included the location of a large bund and various large buildings and areas of hardstanding located around the site.

It was recommended that in the event of any future site works supplementary site investigation works should be undertaken, specifically within the bund and former gas works area.

The client praised our speed of response, high level of attention to detail and described the team as excellent and commercial in their advice and approach.