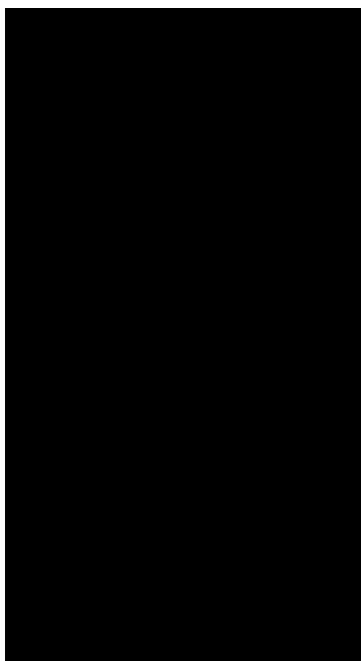


Manchester mummies like sleeping.

Introduction

Nobody enjoys being woken from a deep and restful sleep, particularly if this involves being unceremoniously shaken from your resting place by large scale construction works. However, as the following case highlights, extensive construction works at the Manchester Museum threatened to rouse the assembled Egyptian mummies from their collective slumber. Bearing in mind that some of these residents had been 'resting' since around 3100 BC, this was to be avoided at all costs.



The situation arose as a result of proposed works as part of a wider Capital Development Project at the Manchester Museum. This project would see some parts of the existing 1912 'pavilion', built to house the archaeological and Egyptological collections, and the 1927 building, housing the ethnographic collections, being modified to accommodate a new wing. The construction of the new wing was to be accompanied by a complete refurbishment of the entire Museum, including the historic Coupland Tj(Tj#561 and text(quick)E-18-24d.125Td(h',

Survey.

Seven particularly sensitive locations