Historical Maps of the King’s Cross Area

The red outline denotes the boundary of the current King’s Cross redevelopment site. These images should only be used for educational purposes.
Open fields adjacent to York Way which was then known as Maiden Lane.

St Pancras Old Church was serving a wide community.

Settlements of Battle Bridge and Mill were established.
The area developed soon after the construction of the Regents Canal, with residential development to the south and north east. The brick and tile making activities had moved northwards.

The Imperial Gas Light and Coke Works was established north of Suffolk Street, adjacent to the Regent’s Canal.
The period after 1846 saw the comprehensive development of the area for railway uses.

- King's Cross Station, with its inclusive railways lines, was built in 1852 and the Great Northern Hotel in 1854.
- St Pancras Road had become a major route, industry was established east of York Road (formerly Maiden Lane).
- The gas works holder station was expanding to the west, crossing over Wharf Road.
- Most of the Goods Yard complex north of Canal was opened in 1860, with all the main buildings completed by 1860.
- The railway tracks from the north fanned out to serve the Goods Yard buildings after crossing under the York Way viaduct.
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- The Western Goods Shed was built over the Coal and Stone Basin in 1897-8.
- The Granary Basin was filled in c. 1920.
- Goods Way was extended across the gasworks site with a new bridge over the Canal in 1920-1. Burtle Bridge Road was then truncated.
- The gas works was closed down and removed in the period 1907-1914 but its gas holders remained in full use.
- York Road was re-named York Way in 1937.
- Cambridge Street was re-named Clarey Street and Chiney Street was re-named Chiney Road.
3 of the 9 gas holders were now un-used or disused.

King's Cross Station was expanded pre-war by building a parcels office over the Great Northern Hotel gardens.

Road vehicle and locomotive depot built on the gasworks site in 1914-1924, were not mapped by the DB until now.