



Crossrail Eastern Ticket Hall  
12 Goslett Yard  
London  
WC2  
Summary Report

Targeted Watching Brief

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## **1 Summary for London Archaeologist**

### **CAMDEN**

**Crossrail eastern ticket hall, 12 Goslett Yard, London WC2** TQ 29810 81260 MOLA (Paul Thrale) targeted watching brief June-July 2010 London Underground on behalf of Crossrail Ltd TCG09

Following work in 2009, a watching brief was carried out after the demolition of the standing buildings. Truncated Pleistocene river terrace gravels at the base of the sequence were overlain by a uniform partly waterlain deposit of dark organic clay silt dating to the 17th-century which represents deposits which accumulated within an area of extensive but shallow open-cast brickearth quarrying. These were sealed by levelling deposits dating to the second half of the 17th-century which represent the general dumping of demolition material and infill prior to development. These were cut by the brick walls, foundations and draining of 17th-18th century buildings which had fronted onto Bow Street and George Yard (now Goslett Yard), including a brick-floored cellar with a vaulted alcove. Another brick vaulted cellar in the central area of the site, possibly beneath an open yard, had been carefully lined with cement and is interpreted as a cistern, and is also associated with the 19th-20th century Cross and Blackwell works on the site. When it went out of use, it was backfilled with late 19th century ceramic containers for their products. Large assemblages of Crosse and Blackwell pottery and glass vessels were present within this and other features. A series of brick structures relating to the Crosse and Blackwell complex which occupied the site were also recorded, including brick walls, the wooden floors of the factory building, a circular brick lined pit which may be a furnace, kiln, chimney base or similar, and two parallel running brick-lined trenches that may represent an associated flue system. A late machine based, within what may be a purposed built early 20th century cold store with slate lined walls was also recorded.

## **2 Summary for Britannia**

'Not required'

## **3 Summary for Medieval Archaeology**

'Not required'

## 4 Summary for Post Medieval Archaeology

### CAMDEN

CROSSRAIL EASTERN TICKET HALL, 12 GOSLETT YARD, (TQ 29810 81260) A Targeted Watching Brief was undertaken by P Thrane (MOLA) for London Underground on behalf of Crossrail Ltd following an evaluation in 2009 ( **Oasis ID molas1-70517** )

A sequence of brick structures dating to the 19th and early 20th centuries were recorded that relate to the Crosse & Blackwell industrial complex that occupied the site. These structures included the brick walls and wooden floors of the factory buildings, a circular brick lined pit that may be a furnace, kiln, chimney base or similar and two parallel running brick lined trenches that may represent an associated flue system. A later machine base within what may be a purpose-built early 20th century cold store with slate-lined walls was also recorded.

A brick vaulted cellar in the central area of the site, possibly beneath an open yard had been carefully lined with cement and is interpreted as a cistern, also associated with the Crosse & Blackwell works. When it went out of use it was backfilled with late 19th century ceramic containers for their products. Large assemblages of Crosse & Blackwell pottery and glass vessels were present within this and other features.

Beneath these features the brick walls, foundations and drainage of 17th - 18th century properties fronting onto Bow Street and George Yard (now Goslett Yard) including a brick-floored cellar with a vaulted alcove were recorded.

These buildings had cut into earlier levelling deposits dating to the second half of the 17th century, representing general dumping of demolition material and infill prior to development.

Beneath this a uniform part-waterlain deposit of dark organic clay-silt dating to the late 17th century was recorded as the lowest archaeological level across the site. These layers represent deposits that accumulated within an area of extensive but shallow open-cast brickearth quarrying.

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Crosse & Blackwell jars backfilling cistern (fig 007.jpg in field\site photos)