Note on human bone from XSP10 sewer diversion N Powers

An adult right humerus was recovered from context [30], marsh deposits of probable Roman date. The bone was well preserved though both ends were absent as a result of post-depositional damage. This and the characteristic dark colouration of the bone are consistent with it having been redeposited in the Moorfields Marsh. The muscle markings were robust and the dimensions of the bone relatively large, tentatively suggesting the remains may have been those of a male.

Human remains have been found within the Roman fluvial and marsh deposits of the Moorgate, Finsbury Circus and Liverpool Street areas, both associated with the disturbance of burials from a cemetery at the head of the Walbrook (Harward et al forthcoming) and as isolated elements which have been individually redeposited.

Maximum humeral diameter 27.6mm Minimum humeral diameter 21.5mm Mid shaft circumference 85.0mm