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1 Summary for London Archaeologist

Crossrail: Moorgate Shaft, 91–109 Moorgate, EC2 TQ 3270 8161 MOLA (Matthew Ginnever, Robert Hartle, Sam Pfizenmaier) evaluation, watching brief Nov 2010–Sept 2011 Crossrail XSP10

Four trenches and three boreholes in the basement of the building revealed natural gravels and brickearth overlain by a clay make-up layer containing sherds of pottery dated to AD 120–200. This was cut by an undated pit which was sealed by a dump deposit containing pottery of AD 150–200. Whilst this probably represents preparation for Roman extra-mural activity, no evidence for the nature of that activity was present. Overlying this layer was an organically rich clay silt deposit identified as the late Roman or medieval Moorfields Marsh. All later remains had been truncated by the construction of the modern basement.

2 Summary for Britannia

City of London

Crossrail: Moorgate Shaft, 91–109 Moorgate, EC2M (TQ 32702 81619) evaluation and watching brief by Matthew Ginnever, Robert Hartle and Sam Pfizenmaier for Crossrail (XSP10)

Four evaluation trenches and three boreholes in the basement of the building revealed natural gravels and brickearth overlain by a clay make-up layer containing sherds of Roman pottery dated to between AD 120 and AD 200, including a single sherd of an east Gaulish samian Dragendorff form 33 cup. This was cut by a single undated pit feature which was sealed by a dump deposit containing Roman pottery dated to AD 150–200. Whilst this probably represents preparation for Roman extra-mural activity, no evidence for the nature of that activity was present. Overlying these layers was an organically rich clay silt deposit identified as the late Roman or medieval Moorfields Marsh.

3 Summary for Medieval Archaeology

CROSSRAIL: MOORGATE SHAFT, 91–109 MOORGATE, EC2M (TQ 32702 81619) An evaluation and borehole watching brief was undertaken by M Ginnever, R Hartle and S Pfizenmaier (MOLA) on behalf of Crossrail. Overlying Roman deposits were remains of the late Roman or medieval Moorfields Marsh. The brown fibrous organic marsh was probably formed sometime after the 2nd century AD. No dateable finds were recovered from the marsh deposits, but it is assumed that these layers belong to the Moorfields Marsh observed on other sites in this area. The sequence was horizontally truncated by the construction of the modern basement which directly overlies the marsh deposits.

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4 Summary for Post Medieval Archaeology

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