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Archaeological General Watching Brief at Moorgate Utilities Diversions (XSP10)

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1 Summary for London Archaeologist

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Crossrail: Utilities Diversions, Moorgate, London Wall, Fore Street and Ropemaker Street EC2 TQ 3271 8163 MOLA (Sam Pfizenmaier) watching brief April–Dec 2011 Crossrail XSP10

A watching brief was undertaken on utilities diversion trenches, access shafts and a borehole. The borehole, in the basement of 8 Moorfields, revealed a possible rubbish pit which contained a selection of animal bone, a piece of degraded leather and two sherds of 14th-century Surrey Border Ware pottery, probably residual. These formed part of a larger assemblage including tile and oyster shell. A trench within the basement of the same building exposed only 20th-century material. Further S on London Wall within a deep tunnel connected to a drop shaft, a series of layers of 16th- to 17th-century date were recorded in section. Finds included a near complete Dutch Bartmann jug and the location, depth and condition of the material suggests that they were discarded over a relatively short period, with little subsequent disturbance and may lie within the City Ditch. A second drop shaft to the west was filled with rubble, possibly as a result of general ground clearance and levelling following WW2. The majority of the trenches uncovered services constructed during the latter half of the 20th-c sealed by modern ground services. Other works in the vicinity, including at 87 Moorgate, Fore Street Avenue, Ropemaker Street and in the roadway at 91–109 Moorgate all exposed only 20th-century made ground, services, concrete and tarmac.

2 Summary for Britannia

Not required

3 Summary for Medieval Archaeology

City of London

CROSSRAIL, UTILITIES DIVERSIONS, MOORGATE, LONDON WALL, FORE STREET AND ROPEMAKER STREET EC2 (TQ 32713 81639) S Pfizenmaier (MOLA) S Pfizenmaier (MOLA) carried out a watching brief on utilities diversion trenches, access shafts and a borehole. Within a borehole at 8 Moorfields, a possible rubbish pit contained a selection of animal bone (predominantly from medium to large size cattle and horse), a piece of degraded leather, and 2 sherds of 14th-c Surrey Border Ware pottery, probably residual. These formed part of a larger assemblage including tile, oyster shell, pottery, and one piece of degraded leather. The soil composition judging from small quantities left adhering to the finds was a sticky clay silt, suggesting that these finds may have been bored/excavated in-situ. **OASIS ID: molas1-117580**



4 Summary for Post Medieval Archaeology

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CROSSRAIL UTILITIES DIVERSIONS, MOORGATE, LONDON WALL, FORE STREET AND ROPEMAKER STREET (TQ 32713 81639) S Pfizenmaier (MOLA) carried out watching briefs on the site. At the base of a 4m deep access shaft on London Wall a series of horizontal deposits were recorded. All pottery recovered dated to the late 16th and 17th centuries, with fabrics and forms typical of those in widespread use across the London area. A near-complete Bartmann jug, embellished with bearded face mask and the arms of the city of Amsterdam was found within this series of deposits. The location, depth and condition of the finds suggests they were discarded over a relatively short period, with little subsequent disturbance, and may be from the City Ditch. A second access shaft to the west was filled with rubble, possibly as a result of general ground clearance and levelling following WW2. The majority of the trenches uncovered services constructed during the latter half of the 20th-century, sealed by modern ground services. **OASIS ID: molas1-117580**