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1 Summary for London Archaeologist

Old Broad Street and London Wall, EC2 TQ 3268 8156 to TQ 3292 8151 MOLA (Simon Davis, Robert Hartle and Rachel English) watching briefs Jan-Jun 2012 Crossrail XSZ11

A watching brief was carried out on a utility trench in Old Broad Street (junction with London Wall) and on three gas main trial trenches in London Wall, between the junctions with Coleman Street and Blomfield Street. The trenches on London Wall revealed truncated sections of 17th to 19th-century brick walls and floors, possibly the remnants of a backfilled cellar or culverts. In Old Broad Street, no archaeological remains were found. In all cases, 19th and 20th century deposits, modern services and tarmac completed the sequence. Natural strata were not reached.

2 Summary for Britannia

Not required

3 Summary for Medieval Archaeology

Not required

4 Summary for Post Medieval Archaeology

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VERIZON TRENCH ON OLD BROAD STREET AND GAS MAIN TRIAL TRENCHES ON BROAD STREET ON LONDON WALL (TQ 3268 8156 to TQ 3292 8151) A watching brief on a utility trench in Old Broad Street and three gas main trial trenches in London Wall was undertaken by S Davis, R Hartle and R English (MOLA). Three truncated sections of circa 17th to 19th-century brick walls and floors were found, which were possibly the remnants of backfilled cellars or culverts. Archaeology in all trenches was overlain by dense modern utilities, backfilled with sand, gravel and re-deposited soil, and sealed by the current road surface. Although the monitoring was carried out to prevent damage to the City Wall (Scheduled Monument LO26N and LO26P), no remains relating to the City Wall were encountered.

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