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Crossrail site: Pudding Mill Lane

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Note on the pottery, glass and clay tobacco pipe from Pudding Mill Lane

This note reports on the pottery, glass and clay tobacco pipe from the GWB phase of archaeological works on this site. Retrieved from context [148] only, this material combines to suggest this made ground is dated c 1840–80 and is a chronology that could be refined through the identification of one of clay tobacco pipe makers present.

The pottery retrieved comprises a small quantity of the standard/common range of industrially manufactured Stoke-on-Trent and north Midlands wares of the early Victorian period, with refined whiteware with blue transfer-printed decoration (MOL fabric code TPW2) in a plate, custard cup and either a vase or ewer form found, in addition to a bone china fluted saucer and a yellow ware rounded bowl. The four clay tobacco pipes <2> <3> <4> <5> are of the AO29 type (dated 1840–80) and are variously marked with the names of their pipe makers, such as Lambert of Edmonton and James Strutt of Stepney (1856–76). The glass is limited to the complete base and lower portion of a three-part mould cylindrical wine bottle, with the relief moulded lettering of IMPERIAL PINT applied to the base demonstrating it conformed to the Weights and Measure Act 1824.