

C257 Crossrail Central – Farringdon Station, Eastern Ticket Hall (XSF10)

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Summary Note on Building Material from Context [69]

Four brick samples were collected from context [69]. These are all of similar size and are in the same fabric (fabric 3032), although slight variations in clay were observed (one is near fabric 3033, another near fabric 3046). The bricks, three of which are orangey-red in colour, measure 216–c 226 x 104 x 60–67mm. A fourth brick is slightly overfired and warped. This is dark red with a black core and as some yellow coloured moulding sand.

Date

The dating of these bricks is a little difficult. Three out of four bricks have sunken margins which are normally a feature of pre-1666 brickwork; however, the fabric would suggest a post-1666 date. In general the bricks from context [69] can be given a broad 1600–1750 date, but are more likely to date to around 1666–1700.