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C257 Crossrail Central – Farringdon station, Eastern ticket Hall (XSF10)

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Summary Note on Building Materials

A total of 36 fragments of building material were recovered from this phase of XSF10 (contexts [3], [18], [27], [29], [32], [33], [54], [56] and [58]). These comprise mainly pieces of peg roofing tile, but there are two brick samples from context [18] and a Low Countries floor tile from context [27]. Two pieces of Roman tile are also present.

The building material from XSF10 has been fully recorded and the information added to the Oracle database.

Listed below is a summary of the building material in each context:

Context	Fabric	Туре	Context date
[3]	2271, 2276	Peg roofing	1480–1800
	2271	Peg or ridge tile	
[18]	3039	Brick	1550–1666
[27]	2850 near 3063	Floor tile	1480–1600
[29]	2276	Peg roofing	1480–1800
[32]	2271, 2276, 2587	Peg roofing	1480–1800
[33]	2271, 2276	Peg roofing	1480–1800
[54]	2271, 2276	Peg roofing	1180–1800
	2815	Tegula roofing	
[56]	2586	Peg roofing	1180–1800
[58]	2271, 2276, 2587	Peg roofing	1480–1800

Roman

Two pieces of Roman date dating to AD50–160 (fabric group 2815) were found with medieval or post-medieval peg roofing tile in context [54]. One is a tegula roofing tile, the other is very abraded, but appears to be either a brick or another tegula.

Medieval

London-made medieval peg roofing tile was found in contexts [32] and [58]. Glaze spots are present on each tile.

Post-medieval

Most of the building material from the site comprises London-made peg roofing tile. Definite post-medieval peg tile was recovered from contexts [3], [29], [32], [33] and [58]. The peg tile from [54] and [56] could be either medieval or post-medieval in date.

Context [27] produced a very worn fragment of Low Countries floor tile dating to around 1480–1600. This was almost certainly plain glazed, although glaze only survives on the tile edges. Floor tiles of this type were widely used in London during the 16th century.

Two brick samples were collected from context [18], both of which have sunken margins. These are London-made bricks measuring $226-229 \times 106 \times 59-63$ mm in size. They are probably of 1550-1666 date.