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## 1 Summary for London Archaeologist

**Crossrail Farringdon Eastern Ticket Hall, 20–23 Long Lane, 2 Lindsey Street, 8–10 Hayne Street, EC1 TQ 3194 8180 MOLA (Sam Pfizenmaier) evaluation Jul–Sept 2011 Crossrail XSF10**

Seven trenches were excavated between Hayne Street and Lindsey Street, S of the 1873 Metropolitan Line underground railway cutting. Natural gravels overlying London Clay were exposed across the site, while natural brickearth was observed on the E side. In the S of the site, natural deposits were cut by a possible quarry pit containing pottery of 3rd-c date, while residual Roman pottery (AD50–100), a *tegula* and a fragment of lead were recovered from a nearby ditch. This E–W ditch, which cut natural gravels and London Clay, was one of two recorded in this area together with a series of deposits suggesting a marshy or flooded environment. The ditch may be of medieval date and a variety of leather finds recovered from it – including a knife sheath and a complete child’s shoe with a distinctive 16th-c form of latchet fastening – suggests that it had been backfilled or become disused during the 17th century. These features, which appear to be related, may be part of the historically-attested Faggesswell Brook and an area of swampy ground surrounding a pond through which it flowed. A number of later features were recorded, including three 16th–17th-c rubbish pits on the W side of the site, multiple phases of an 18th–19th-c brick drain in the E of the site and an 18th–19th-c soakaway (constructed from re-used bricks of 1550–1666) in the same area. These remains were sealed by foundations and structures associated with the 19th and 20th-c buildings on the site, and with the nearby underground line. At 20–21 Long Lane in the S of the site the basement of a late 19th-c building – including the coal chute – was recorded. Fragments of newspaper were found that suggest that it was backfilled in the 1930s. The basements and foundations of 19th and 20th-c buildings completed the archaeological sequence in all areas of the site.

## 2 Summary for Britannia

### City of London

**Crossrail Farringdon Eastern Ticket Hall, 20–23 Long Lane, 2 Lindsey Street, 8–10 Hayne Street, EC1 (TQ 31948 81800) evaluation by Sam Pfizenmaier for Crossrail (XSF10)**

Seven evaluation trenches were excavated, revealing a possible quarry pit containing small and abraded sherds of 3rd-century pottery, although these could be residual. In addition, residual Roman pottery dated AD50–100, a *tegula* and a fragment of lead recovered from the primary fill of a nearby medieval (or later) ditch, provide further evidence of Roman extra-mural activity in the area.



### 3 Summary for Medieval Archaeology

#### City of London

CROSSRAIL FARRINGDON EASTERN TICKET HALL, 20–23 LONG LANE, 2 LINDSEY STREET, 8–10 HAYNE STREET, EC1 (TQ 31948 81800) S Pfizenmaier (MOLA) carried out an evaluation comprising seven trenches. Two E–W ditches in the basements of 8 & 9 Hayne Street and an associated area of marshy or overbank flooding were present. Within one ditch two phases of post holes survived, probably the remnants of a revetment or fence. Finds from the primary fill suggest this ditch may have originated in the medieval period. These features appear to be related and may be part of the historically-attested Faggesswell Brook and an area of swampy ground to the E of Smithfield Market, surrounding a pond through which it flowed. Overlying dump layers suggest it had been backfilled or gone out of use by the mid 17th century. **OASIS ID: molas1-111626**

### 4 Summary for Post Medieval Archaeology

#### City of London

CROSSRAIL FARRINGDON EASTERN TICKET HALL, 20–23 LONG LANE, 2 LINDSEY STREET, 8–10 HAYNE STREET, (TQ 31948 81800) S Pfizenmaier (MOLA) carried out an evaluation in seven trenches. Post-medieval remains dating from the 16th–20th centuries were identified across the site. A ditch of potential medieval origin appeared to have been open until at least the mid 17th century. The basal layers of the ditch were composed of a marshy or overbank flooding deposit, within which a variety of leather items were recovered, including a knife-sheath and a unusual complete child's shoe with a distinctive 16th-century form of latchet fastening. These features appear to be related and may be part of the historically-attested Faggesswell Brook and an area of swampy ground to the E of Smithfield Market, surrounding a pond through which it flowed. Two intercutting rubbish pits dated to the 17th century, and reclamation dumps dating to the late 17th century represent attempts to raise the ground level for subsequent construction. Brick drains/soakaways dating to the 18th–19th century were also present. In the basement of 20–21 Long Lane, remains of another 19th-century building with a coal chute, were backfilled sometime before the Second World War. **OASIS ID: molas1-111626**