

**C257 Crossrail Central – Broadgate Ticket Hall – Trench 14 (XSM10)**

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**Summary Note on Decorated Floor tile**

Trench 14 (context [925]) produced a decorated floor tile of 'Westminster' type with a fleur-de-lis design (<312>). The complete design is illustrated by Betts (2002, 56) where it is classified as W78. 'Westminster' floor tiles, which are known to have been made in London, were widely used in parish churches and monastic buildings. Tiles with design W78 have been found at a number of locations in London including Bermondsey Abbey, St John's priory and Westminster Abbey

The XSM10 tile is one of series of smaller size 'Westminster' floor tiles which may date to the later 13th or early years of the 14th century. Tiles belonging to the smaller 'Westminster' group (although not W78) are believed to have been used at the royal palace at Kings Langley, Hertfordshire in 1279–81 (Betts 2002, 24).