

Crossrail C257 Central – Broadgate Pit 11 (XSM10)

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Summary Note on Building Materials

A total of 12 fragments of building material were recovered from this phase of XSM10 (contexts [978], [979] and [984]). These comprise a small fragment of post-medieval brick and 11 fragments of Roman roofing tile and brick. The building material from XSM10 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	Type	Context date
[978]	3032	Brick	1666–1900*
	2815	Imbrex	
	3226	Tegula	
[979]	2454	Imbrex	AD50–160
	2815	Brick, tegula, imbrex	
[984]	2815	Imbrex	AD140–300
	3001	Tegula	

* Roman tile is AD70–160

Roman

The Roman assemblage is small but not without interest. There is a cream tile from the Eccles area of north-west Kent (fabric 2454) dating to AD50–80, a red slightly sandy tile believed to be from another north Kent tiler dating to AD70–100 (fabric 3226) and a greyish-cream coloured tile dating to AD140–300 from an unknown production site. The latter is part of the calcareous group which have a wide distribution along the south coast of England (Betts and Foot 1994, 27, fig 4), Kent and Essex.

The remaining red tiles (fabric group 2815) were probably made in London or at tileries location on the outskirts of London sometime in the period AD50–160.

Post-medieval

A small fragment of London-made post-1666 brick (fabric 3032) was found in context [978]. As the remaining building material is of Roman date it is possible this represents later contamination.

Reference

Betts, I M, and Foot, R, 1994 A newly identified late Roman tile group from southern England, *Britannia* 25, 21–34